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SUBJECT: MALAYSIAN BANK'S INTEREST IN OPENING NEW YORK OFFICE

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF BANK BUMIPUTRA, MALAYSIA'S LARGEST COMMERCIAL BANK, FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPENING OF A BRANCH IN NEW YORK CITY. THE DIRECTOR PLANS A VISIT TO THE U.S. IN EARLY APRIL AND HAS REQUESTED INFORMATION ON WHAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND BODIES HE SHOULD CONSULT WITH DURING HIS VISIT. THE BANK HAS ALREADY ENGAGED A LAW FIRM AND AN ACCOUNTING FIRM BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE THEY MIGHT RECEIVE ON WHO TO CALL ON.

2. FYI BANK BUMIPUTRA IS PRESENTLY HOLDING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS OF DOLLAR DEPOSITS IN THE U.S. IN CONJUNCTION WITH CITIBANK. THESE FUNDS ARE PETRONAS' (THE NATIONAL OIL COMPANY) REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF OIL IN THE U.S. IN VIEW OF THIS FACT AND THE FACT THAT DIRECTOR IS A VALUED CONTACT THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN PROVIDING THE INFO THEY HAVE REQUESTED. ANY ASSISTANCE THE DEPARTMENT IS ABLE TO PROVIDE WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.
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